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15 October 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Deputy Director
Office of Economic Research

SUBJECT : Country Seminar Program

1. As you know, we are trying to foster a continuing series of analysts' seminars designed to promote closer communication among DDI specialists [REDACTED] The seminars, held at [REDACTED] are quite informal and are normally at the analyst/branch chief level. They generally involve afternoon, evening, and morning sessions.

2. [REDACTED] of OCI have been exploring the possibility of holding a seminar on Iran next month, but they now feel it would be advisable to postpone that particular discussion until next spring, when there will be a better chance of lining up someone [REDACTED] They suggest instead a session on the Arab oil producers and the politics of oil (see attached memo). They feel the timing would be especially suitable in view of [REDACTED] current trip.

3. [REDACTED] has been acting as project officer for the seminar, and has already explored the idea with [REDACTED] of your energy branch. Past experience indicates that the seminars are most productive if held to 14 or so people; in the interest of including representatives from a fair number of DDI units, an OER contingent of about 4 seems appropriate.

4. If you concur, I would suggest that your people work directly with [REDACTED] to determine attendance and agenda.

[REDACTED]
Chief
DDI Executive Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Hank Knoche, D/OSR

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2. [redacted] of OCI have been exploring the possibility of holding a seminar on Iran next month, but they now feel it would be advisable to postpone that particular discussion until next spring, when there will be a better chance of lining up someone [redacted] They suggest instead a session on the Arab oil producers and the politics of oil (see attached memo).

3. I realize this new topic does not relate as directly to your concerns as a seminar on Iran would, but you may still find OSR participation useful. If so, I suggest you have your people contact [redacted] directly [redacted]

[redacted]
Chief
DDI EXECUTIVE STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Chief/DDI Executive Staff

SUBJECT : Country Seminar

1. As you know we have been exploring the possibility of holding a country seminar on Iran.

2. Participants in earlier seminars tell us that the success of the sessions have been due, in large part, to the presence of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
seminar be postponed until that time. We recommend that a seminar be held--probably in mid-November--on the "Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC): the Politics of Oil."

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ER analysts would undoubtedly we would also invite analysts from other DDI offices.

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6. If the OAPEC topic is satisfactory, I will ask [REDACTED] of OCI/PGI to make the necessary arrangements. He will be in touch with appropriate DDO officers to work out details [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Persian Gulf-Indian Ocean Branch
Middle East Africa Division

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